The manning of unmanned level crossings is to be sponsored by the State Government duly agreeing to bear their share of cost and providing funds therefor. Railway has however, decided to man 4449 unmanned level crossings on broad gauge routes from its own funds and work on 1810 unmanned level crossings has been sanctioned. In addition Hon'ble MPs are being approached to sponsor manning of unmanned level crossings from MPLADS funds. Railway has also decided to man one unmanned level crossing in consultation with Hon'ble MP at its own cost for each unmanned level crossing proposed for manning from MPLAD Scheme.

Rail projects in Marathwada, Vidharbha regions

2855. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the projects undertaken by the Railways in Marathwada and Vidharbha regions of Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Railways have taken up the gauge conversion project, connecting Achalapur-Murtizapur-Yeotmal;

(c) if so, the progress made in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Railway projects in progress in Maharashtra, including in the Vidarbha and Marathwada regions are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) In view of heavy throwforward of ongoing projects and constraint of resources, Gauge Conversion of Achalpur-MurtezapurYavatmal section has not yet been sanctioned.

Statement

Railway projects in progress in Maharashtra including in the Vidarbha and Marathwada

New Lines

1. Amravati-Narkher
2. Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli Vaijnath

3. Panvel-Karjat: Electrified Line (Phase-I)
4. Baramati-Lonad
5. Puntamba-Shirdi

Gauge Conversion

1. Miraj-Latur
2. Mudkhed-Adliabad
3. Solapur-Gadag
4. Secunderabad-Mudkhed including Jankampet-Bodhan
5. Ankola-Purna

Metropolitan Transport Projects

1. Belapur-Panvel Doubling
2. Thane-Turbhe-Narul/Vashi: Part of Corridor No. 2 in Navi Mumbai
3. Belapur-Seawood-Uran : Electrified line
4. Kurla-Thane : 5th and 6th line (Kurla to Bhandup) Phase-I
5. Kurla-Thane : 5th and 6th line (Bhandup to Thane) Phase-II
6. Thane-Mumbra : 5th and 6th line
7. Santacruz-Borivali : 5th line
8. Borivali-Virar : Quadrupling
9. Virar-Dahanu Road : Automatic Signalling
10. Virar-Dahanu Road-Development of facilities for introduction of EMUs and terminal facilities at Dahanu Road

Renovation of Patna Junction Railway Station

2856. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Patna Railway Junction is proposed to be renovated;

(b) if so, by when such renovation is scheduled to be completed;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is acute shortage of car parking space there; and